



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Abhay Gupta

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FOR IMPROVING CRITICAL
PATH ANALYSIS USING GATE
DELAY

Examiner: Do, Thuan V.

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this response.

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